

REMARKS


The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 4, 7, 15 and 18 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 4 and 7, and claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 15 and 18. In addition, claims 5 and 6 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 1, and claims 16 and 17 have been amended such that they now depend from claim 12. Furthermore, claims 8-11 have been made proper independent claims and include the limitations of claims 1 and 4, and claims 19-22 have been made proper independent claims and include the limitations of claims 12 and 15.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 and 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,216,493 to Hosoya. Applicant acknowledges that the Examiner has found claims 7-11 and 18-22 allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above changes, Applicant believes that the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection has been overcome.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-14, 16, 17 and 19-22, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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